

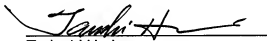
REMARKS

The amendments to dependent claim 28 in the present communication were made solely to correct a typographical error in claim dependency that was introduced by the Examiner's Amendment. No new matter has been added.

The present Amendment is appropriate for entry under 37 CFR § 1.312 inasmuch as it corrects a purely formal matter and does not amend or alter the scope of the previously allowed claims.

In view of the Remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified allowed patent application should proceed to issuance without delay. Early notification to such effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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